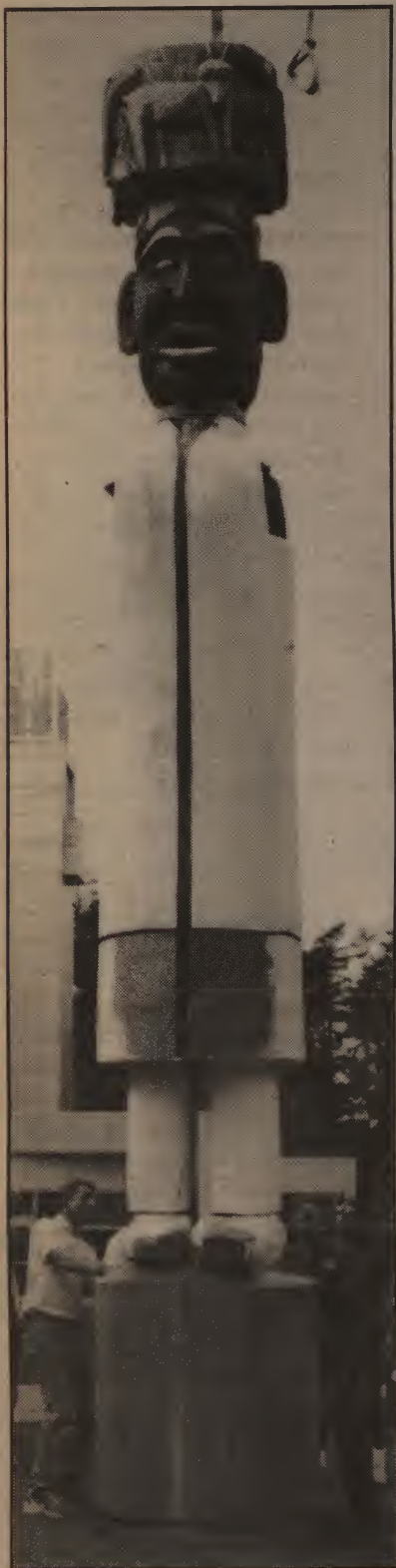


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UVic Students' Society Chair Tina Walker leads a group of students carrying placards and a 1,500-name petition on their way to find University President Dr. David Strong on Thursday. The students held a rally outside of University Centre to protest decreased Federal government funding of post-secondary education and cuts in UVic computer lab hours, decreased staffing and increased library charges.

PATTY PITTS PHOTO



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In preparation for its dedication and unveiling ceremony, a new welcoming figure, carved by Coast Salish artist Floyd Joseph, was lowered last week into its place of honour outside the new Engineering Lab Wing. The 7.5 metre figure, carved from a single cedar log, will undergo final preparations before the public ceremony on Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. Joseph will be honoured at the event which will feature performances by local First Nations dance groups. The welcoming figure is being unveiled in conjunction with UVic's Engineering Open House to be held Oct. 19 to 21 to celebrate the official opening of the Engineering Lab Wing.

Faculty of Business and Department of Economics to get new building

Occupancy of \$18 million building slated for fall 1997

BY PATTY PITTS

Members of the Faculty of Business and Department of Economics were all smiles at a special ceremony Sept. 18 to announce that a long-awaited building to house their faculty, staff and students should soon be under construction. The \$18 million Business and Economics Building will accommodate 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students in classrooms and lab facilities designed specifically for their needs. Economics is currently located in cramped quarters in the Cornett Building and the Faculty of Business has offices and classrooms in both the Human and Social Develop-

ment Building, Sedgewick and L Hut. The new building will be built adjacent to the Cornett Building.

"This facility will address UVic's overcrowding concerns," said Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA Elizabeth Cull. "It will consolidate business and economics programs in one building and free up space in other buildings for social science programs."

Construction is expected to begin on the new building in November and students will attend their first classes there in September, 1997. The Faculty of Business will occupy the first

two levels of the building which has two wings joined by a breezeway. The Department of Economics will occupy the third level and UVic offices will be on the fourth level.

The building will feature tiered classrooms in horseshoe formations for optimal views of instructors and guest speakers. Other classrooms feature adjacent ante rooms where students can break away to discuss business case studies. Both the Faculty of Business and the Department of Economics will have library resource space and computer labs.



Architect David Hambleton uses a model of UVic's new Business and Economics Building to explain the finer points of the structure to (from left) UVic President David Strong, Saanich Mayor Murray Coell, UVic Board of Governors Chair Sandra Harper, Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA Elizabeth Cull and Board of Governors member Dave Ferne.

Vikes schedule

The UVic Vikes have started their 1995/96 season. Everyone is invited to cheer them on at their upcoming games:

Sept. 16—Women's Soccer, Vikes vs Alberta, 12 Noon at Centennial Stadium; Men's Soccer, Vikes vs Alberta, 2 p.m. at Centennial Stadium; Men's Rugby, Vikes vs Alumni, 3 p.m. at Wallace Field.

Sept. 17—Women's Soccer, Vikes vs Saskatchewan, 12 Noon at Centennial Stadium; Men's Soccer, Vikes vs Saskatchewan, 2 p.m. at Centennial Stadium.

Recycling on the Gopher

A wealth of information on recycling has been posted on UVic's gopher server by Merrilee Hoen (Computing Services), a member of the UVic Vice President's committee on recycling. It is available under the UVic General Information directory of UVic Info. Included is information about the committee on recycling, its accomplishments, current projects, and future plans; what, where, and how to recycle on campus; municipal recycling depot locations and hours; having your name removed from junk mail lists; making your own environmentally safe household cleaning products; and much more.

Prize draw for early turkeys

Work off all that Thanksgiving turkey at UVic's annual Turkey Trot fun run at Centennial Stadium at 10 a.m. on Oct. 9. The 5 K course around the chip trail is perfect for the entire family. Register on or before Oct. 6 and be eligible for the "early turkey" draw prize of a night's accommodation and dinner for two at Harbour Towers Hotel.

Runners can register at the

Athletics and Recreational Services general office, McKinnon 181 or at Frontrunners, 182-911 Yates Street. The registration fee is \$15 with T-shirts, \$10 without, and \$30 for a family (two adults/one child or one adult/two children) including T-shirts.

There will be entertainment for the kids and refreshments following the run. For more information call 721-8405.



Signing student exchange agreements are (left to right): Dr. Heinrich Ostholt, Rector of the Fachhochschule Bielefeld in Germany; Dr. Sam Scully, UVic Vice-President Academic and Provost; and Claude Tournier, President of Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut-Cambresis in France.

UVic signs German & French exchange

Memoranda of understanding were signed Sept. 22 between UVic and Fachhochschule Bielefeld in Germany and UVic and Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut-Cambresis in

France establishing student exchange programs in the areas of mechanical and electrical engineering. Signing on behalf of UVic was Vice President Academic and Provost Dr. Sam

Scully; on behalf of Bielefeld, Dr. Heinrich Ostholt, Rector; and on behalf of Valenciennes President Claude Tournier. Details of the exchange will be worked out at the departmental level.

Bielefeld's program offers two streams: one with a more hands-on experimental focus and the other more involved in computer simulation. The program at Valenciennes is shifting from a concentration on heavy industry to an approach reflecting the impact of information technology on engineering in such areas as computer-assisted design and manufacturing and microprocessors. The Faculty of Business already has an exchange relationship with Bielefeld. The relationship with Valenciennes is the first exchange agreement between UVic and an institution in France. With these agreements, UVic has 33 official linkages and exchange agreements with institutions in 14 countries.



United Way

United Way Campaign begins

This year's goal is \$100,000

The 1995 United Way Campus Campaign is underway and this year's organizers are aiming to raise \$100,000 towards the Greater Victoria campaign. Donor pledge cards will be distributed soon and members of the campus community are reminded that the easiest way to make a donation is through the payroll deduction plan.

There are several fund-raising events planned this fall for the campaign. On Oct. 21,

the UVic Vikes will "Kick-Off for Youth" at their soccer games against UBC. Donations of one loonie per child and two loonies per adult will be collected at the games instead of the regular admission. These donations, along with all concession profits, will be donated to the United Way. The Vikes women play at 12 Noon and men play at 2 p.m. Among the 46 health and social service agencies assisted through the United Way are several that serve youth: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Victoria Youth Empowerment Society and YM/YWCA Youth Programs.

The annual Loonie Lay-in begins at high noon at the University fountain on Nov. 1.

This year UVic students' loonie supremacy is being challenged by Camosun College students who will try to out-loon the University's various student groups. The same day university food outlets will be offering a brown bag lunch for \$5 with all proceeds going to the United Way.

Later that month, the Library will once again be the focus of book bargains but last year's fund-raising bookfest has been expanded to the "Book-for-a-Buck/Tune-for-a-Loon" sale. Books and records will be for sale with all proceeds going to the United Way. Watch *The Ring* for further details on other fund-raising schemes happening this fall all around campus.

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Concept of wellness explored at Fall Fair

By PATTY PITTS

It will take two floors to hold all the participants in this year's Fall Fest, UVic's annual fair about wellness, Oct. 5 at the University Centre. New participants in this year's event include the Native Student Union and Student Financial Aid. Fall Fest is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The concept of wellness as presented at Fall Fest includes all aspects of care of the individual and the environment. The displays cover massage therapy, physiotherapy, healthy eating, safe sex, emotional well-being, recycling and other forms of waste reduction.

Since complete wellness also involves having fun, Ryan Vending will be offering free video games, Cinecenta is presenting a movie trivia game and food vendors will be handing out free samples.

Fall Fest visitors are invited to enter the raffle for a grand prize trip to Vancouver for two

via the Helijet. Second and third prizes are a sleeping bag and a dinner for two at Harbour Towers hotel.

The Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery is opening the doors to its basement Study Gallery and offering 30-minute tours at 11 a.m., Noon and 1 p.m. Fall Fest presentations in University Centre B238 are:

- 10 a.m. "The Famine Within" (a video)
- 11 a.m. "Beyond Kraft Dinner—Finding That Part-time Job," by Jennifer Margison, manager, Student Employment Centre
- Noon, "Back Care," by Steve Parker, physiotherapist, UVic Health Services
- 1 p.m. "Basic Budgeting," Pat Sarsfield, manager, Student Financial Aid
- 2 p.m. "Student Work Abroad Program," Jeffrey Woznow, manager, Travel Cuts.

October 30 Referendum

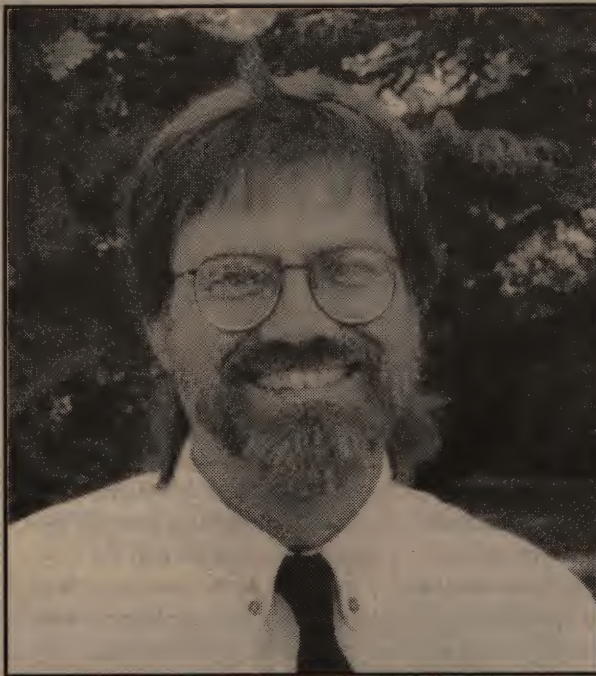
Out of province Quebec students may be able to vote

UVic students and other members of the campus community who moved here recently from Quebec may be eligible to vote in the province's upcoming Oct. 30 referendum. Qualified electors who have been outside Quebec for two years or less and intend to return to Quebec may vote by mail, providing they are included on Quebec's voters list.

To be included on the referendum voters' list, Quebec voters

living outside the province must submit their applications to the Chief Electoral Officer for Quebec by Oct. 6. Application forms are available by contacting the Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec, Edifice Rene-Levesque, 3460, rue de La Perade, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, G1X 3Y5, or by calling collect to (418) 528-0422.

There are about 30 students from Quebec attending UVic.



Chris Conway

By ROBIE LISCOMB

Chris Conway started as the new director of Institutional Analysis on Sept. 1, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Jim Currie. Conway has a BAA (bachelor's in applied arts) in urban and regional planning from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto and an MES (master's of environmental studies) from York University. For the past four years, he has served as director of Institutional Research at the University of Northern B.C. He was also a senior policy analyst at Athabasca University

Conway new director at Institutional Analysis

for six years and an instructor at Ryerson.

"I am looking forward to working at UVic and to enjoying the natural and cultural benefits of Victoria and Vancouver Island," he says. "UVic has a reputation as an excellent institution and an enjoyable place to work."

Conway's professional and research interests include evaluation and accountability in public sector organizations, market research for educational institutions, and enrolment projections. His personal interests include folk music (primarily Canadian) and vegetarian cooking.

In his role as director, Conway reports directly to the President. The Office of Institu-

tional Analysis is responsible for the collection, analysis, dissemination, and interpretation of data used in making institutional policy and planning decisions. It provides statistics, information, reports, and analyses to the University administration and to such external bodies as Statistics Canada, other universities, school districts, and colleges as appropriate. The office compiles statistics in continuous series on various aspects of the University's operations and has published much of this information annually in the *University of Victoria Statistics (Fact Book)*.

For more information about the Office of Institutional Analysis, see its World Wide Web homepage under UVic Administrative Departments and Services on the UVic INFO homepage at <http://www.uvic.ca/>.

Student life lives on stage

They drew rave reviews during a three-performance run during orientation weekend. Now, the five students who wrote, produced and acted in *Campus Issues Theatre* are bringing their production back to the stage. A special performance of the production that addresses everything from drinking and drugs to learning to read a book list will be held for all students,

faculty and staff Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. in the Phoenix Theatre.

The production was created to give new students an entertaining yet relevant overview of some of the issues they'll face during their first year on campus. The actors, who volunteered their time as part of the orientation program, depict real-life situations like homesickness, the

heavy feeling of freedom, balancing academics with athletics, dating pressures and the strain of trying to balance it all.

Although the actors work from a script, they frequently improvise their presentation so each production of *Campus Issues Theatre* is slightly different from the last.

Ring 1995 publication dates and deadlines

Submission deadlines (letters and classified ads)	Publication dates
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Where we live may influence diseases of old age

Geographer examines breast cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's

By TERESA MOORE

Like taxes, aging is inevitable, but, says Dr. Harold Foster (Geography) our physical environment may provide clues that help make aging more enjoyable. In *Extending Disability-Free Life: Evidence from the Physical Environment*, recently published as part of the Centre on Aging's Community Paper Series, Foster continues the age-old search for ways to prevent the chronic degenerative diseases that typically accompany old age and impair quality of life. He concludes that where we have lived may help determine what diseases we encounter in old age.

While medical advances have increased life expectancy dramatically over the past 30 years, they have not guaranteed a healthy, disease-free life for those who survive into old age. Over a decade ago, Foster began looking into this paradox which one researcher terms the "failure of success"—people live longer, but not necessarily better.

Foster's research involves first examining the physical environment, particularly the soil and water, of an area where a particular disease is common and comparing the findings to an area

where the disease is rare. He then searches the medical and biochemical literature to see if any suggested disease-environment relationships are likely to be causal. His research has included examinations of multiple sclerosis, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and breast cancer among many other diseases. Although longevity is determined by four factors—biology (our genes and gender), lifestyle (what we eat, smoke and drink), the quality of medical care, and social and physical environment (altitude, weather, climate, air quality and the chemical composition of soil and drinking water)—Foster points to the mounting evidence that natural environmental factors, particularly the deficiency or presence of certain minerals in soil and water, play a significant role in how the body ages.

Two obstacles to making the connection between the development of disease and where we live are that we are becoming more mobile and are eating food imported from elsewhere. Many of us grow up in one region, go to school in another and settle in a third and much of our food is also not indigenous to where we

live. To overcome these problems, Foster examined the distribution of the elderly in China where 90 percent of the people live and die in the province where they were born and rely solely on local food and water. Foster studied age distributions and showed statistically that there are very few Chinese elderly in a belt of selenium-deficient counties that cross the country from northeast to southwest. Called the "disease belt" by Chinese geographers, because so few people reach old age, it is home to the endemic diseases Kaschin-Beck, characterized by necrosis of cartilage and dystrophy of skeletal muscles, and Keshan, a disease of the heart muscle. Both can be prevented by taking selenium supplements, an antioxidant which is thought to reduce the impact of free radicals. Foster therefore concluded that evidence from China indicates that "human life span is shortened by severe selenium deficiency."

Evidence cited in his paper also shows that humans live longer when exposed to elevated levels of calcium and magnesium. Senegal, whose bedrock is predominately selenium-

enriched lime phosphate, has the world's hardest water, indicating elevated levels of calcium and magnesium. While its population suffers from numerous infectious diseases, it has the lowest cancer rate on the globe, and, says Foster, this may support the thesis that calcium, magnesium and selenium provide protection against cancer.

Closer to home, Foster points to a link between environmental aluminum and Alzheimer's disease. He cites a longitudinal study conducted at the University of Waterloo from 1959 to 1991 which established a connection between high levels of aluminum and cognitive impairment. This confirms a British study which showed that the disease is 1.5 times more common where aluminum levels in drinking water exceeded the average. Foster says there are genetic dimensions that contribute to Alzheimer's, but warns that aluminum should be avoided, particularly aluminum coupled with low calcium and fluoride levels and high acidity—acidity like that found in soft drinks. He is concerned for the youth of the developed world, who, he says "are drink-

ing large quantities of acidic soft drinks from aluminum cans." A recent thesis completed by a former UVic MSc student, Liping Zhang, suggests a similar link between elevated aluminum in drinking water and the prevalence of osteoporosis.

While Foster admits it is impossible to identify a single aging process, his paper and his previous research (he is a prolific author and the series editor of the Western Geographical Series) suggest that the link between environment and health can not be ignored by the general public, health professionals or health care policy advisors.

And how does Victoria fit into all of this? Foster says that there is a high rate of breast cancer in Victoria and this may be related to the calcium deficiency in the soil and water. But, he cautions, there is no way to completely escape the effects of environment on individual health.

"It is almost impossible to find any place in the world where soil and water are not deficient in something."

Ross McKinnon is new administrative co-ordinator to UVic Student's Society

By PATTY PITTS

Ross McKinnon admits he hit the ground running when he was appointed this summer as the UVic Students' Society (UVSS) new administrative co-ordinator. The view from his office window

overlooks phase one of the \$10.6 million student union building (SUB) expansion, the building he had no part in planning but is now expected to operate.

"It was pretty much built by the time I arrived," he says. "Now my task is to design an organization structure, then advertise for positions, design menus and order in products."

Food and beverage management is nothing new to McKinnon. He specialized in marketing and accounting while earning a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Manitoba and has made a career of writing business plans and launching new operations. One of them was the Wharfside Restaurant in downtown Victoria. He does find that working for the UVSS is different from the private sector.

"[In the UVSS] people work co-operatively as opposed to a typical hierarchical structure," he explains, "but it wasn't a



Ross McKinnon and the plans for the SUB expansion.

difficult switch because I like the theory behind [co-operative work]. People take more responsibility in the outcome of their working environment."

The new building dominates

McKinnon's job description. He recognizes that the expanded and updated SUB requires a professional look and professional service delivery while retaining its student-driven roots. That's

why the sleek corridor of food vendors will include the popular health food items currently dished up in the SUB upper lounge. The new club, Vertigo, which opens in January may have the post-industrial look of uptown clubs but it will still book acts that satisfy those with a taste for alternative music.

Felicitia's moves out of its basement digs into bright new quarters with an optional patio. As a pub, the emphasis will be on food service in the daytime. In the evenings, big-screen television will provide the entertainment. The truly late-night crowd will turn to Vertigo and the café/bakery that stays open to the wee hours adjacent to the club's doors.

"We are giving the SUB an environment that matches the professional attitude and skills of the people who work there while offering the highest quality of product at the lowest possible price," says McKinnon. "There's more opportunity for us to offer better customer service."

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Mathmania's message takes off

BY PATTY PITTS

Most people look at a rope looped and tied into an intricate knot and think sailing or Boy Scouts. Dr. Mike Fellows (Computer Science) looks at it and thinks DNA. He also uses dissected and painted paper pie plates to demonstrate push-down automata and frequently sends kids scampering across a tarp painted with intersecting lines to explain how a computer sorts data.

Fellows' conviction that university level math can be presented in a way that engages and entertains young children has produced *MEGA-Mathematics*, an activity and workbook he co-authored through the Los Alamos National Laboratories in Los Alamos, New Mexico and Mathmania, a portable participatory math show he takes to local schools and hopes to take on the road.

"We have to stop thinking that university math is far too inaccessible for youngsters," insists Fellows. "This whole untold story of math is fun to tell."

With Fellows as the storyteller, children reading *MEGA-Mathematics* tackle algorithms while planning a road-paving scheme for the "muddy city" or while minimizing the number of colours to colour a map. They learn that braids, knots and networks, not just numbers, are also mathematical objects.

Mathmania's success in local schools led Fellows to create the Mathmania Society and apply for funding from the Partners in Science Awareness Program to take Mathmania's message into

parks and other communities.

"Our focus is the math behind the technology and applications of computers," says Fellows. "Math is the big engine of science and computer science is the rock and roll of math."

Fellows gives his students the option of assisting him with the exercises he presents during Mathmania. He feels the partnership benefits both his students and the children they are helping.

"The kids see female university students who are really interested in math. They're good role models. As for the undergrads, the best way to learn is to teach something to a little kid who's full of genuine enthusiasm. That enthusiasm is infectious."

Fellows is a firm believer in scientists taking their work out into the community and encouraging children to become interested in science at an early age.

"Scientists have got to get out of their ivory towers," he says. "It's fun out there. The kids are delighted when we throw down that big tarp. I believe universities should adopt a policy dedicating 10 per cent of their human and financial resources to selling their message to the public. Everyone on campus needs to be involved."

Fellows will be demonstrating Mathmania on campus next month when he and his students explain university-level math basics to youngsters through games and exercises at the Engineering Open House on Oct. 20 at 12 noon, in conjunction with the Science Olympics.



ROBIE LISCOMB PHOTO

Organizers of the Victoria Women's Movement Archives are (left to right): Deborah Yaffe (Women's Studies); Susan Moger, representing local women's groups; and UVic Archivist Jane Turner.

Herstory preserved at UVic archives

Victoria Women's Movement Archives launched

BY ROBIE LISCOMB

Dozens of activists from all aspects of the local women's movement gathered in the University Archives on Sept. 21 to celebrate the establishment of a permanent archive documenting the important contributions that local women have made to the improvement of women's social, economic, and political condition in the Victoria area.

The Victoria Women's Movement Archives is a collaboration among the UVic Archives, the Department of Women's Studies, and a wide range of local feminist groups. UVic Archives will serve as the archives depository and will preserve and provide access to documents pertaining to the

history of women's groups in Victoria. Most such documents are currently packed away in attics or basements, deteriorating and unavailable to activists and researchers. Many such records are in danger of being lost forever.

An advisory committee has been created to co-ordinate the acquisition of records that document a broad range of political viewpoints as represented in educational, health, advocacy, cultural, social service, multi-cultural, and immigrant organizations. Of primary interest are original records such as minutes, correspondence, reports, newsletters, diaries, logs, photos and audiovisual materials.

The archives will not normally accept material that is in published form, newspaper clippings on general subjects, works already in the Libraries collection, or records unrelated to the local women's movement.

Among the first donations to the Archives are materials from the University Women's Club, Everywoman's Books, Lesbian News, the Women's Building Society, and the UVic Women's Action Group.

Any individual or organization with materials to donate to the Victoria Women's Movement Archives should call Jane Turner, University Archivist, at 721-8258.

Report about UVic carried to 105,000 homes

BY TERESA MOORE

Did you know that there are 1,600,000 volumes in the McPherson Library or that 133 couples will be married at UVic's Interfaith Chapel this year? These are just some of the interesting and little-known facts about UVic that were included in a community report carried in the Sept. 22 edition of the News

Groups community papers. The News Group publishes the Victoria News, Goldstream Gazette, Oak Bay News, Saanich News, Esquimalt News and Peninsula News. The lively report, which highlighted UVic community and global research initiatives, reached 105,000

homes and was sponsored by local businesses. If you didn't see it, pick up a copy at Public Relations & Information Services in University House 2 or the Information Booth in the University Centre. A second community report will be published in March.

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Vandalism of UVic property	3/0	1/0	2/5
Indecent exposure	0/0	0/0	2/1
Theft of wallet or purse	4/1	0/1	2/1
Theft from locker	0/0	0/0	2/0
Theft of UVic property	3/0	2/1	1/1
Sexual assault	0/0	0/0	1/0
Common assault	1/0	1/0	1/0
Theft of bicycle	3/4	2/2	1/0
Break, enter & theft	3/2	3/1	1/0
Vandalism of private property	1/1	0/1	0/1
Theft of parking decal	0/0	0/0	0/1
Theft of bicycle parts	5/3	1/1	0/0
Theft from auto	1/0	3/2	0/0
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Sydor captures second world title on mountain bike

Grad is gold-medal Olympic favourite

UVic grad, Alison Sydor (BSc '89), defended her cross-country title at the world mountain bike championships in Kirchzarten, Germany last Sunday.

Sydor completed the gruelling 36-kilometre course in one hour 59 minutes and 32 seconds, more than a minute ahead of her closest rival, Silvia Furst, the 1992 champion from Switzerland. In a sport that is measured in one-one hundredths of a second, a minute lead is impressive.

Women's cross-country mountain biking will appear in the Olympics for the first time in 1996 in Atlanta. Sydor's decisive win on Sunday establishes her as the gold-medal favourite.



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Staff members in Access Services, McPherson Library, have established a memorial fund for the purpose of purchasing art work to be installed at the University in memory of Walter Grant.

Walter Grant was employed as a Library Assistant at the McPherson Library Loan Desk for 27 years until his death February 8, 1995. Many faculty members and graduate students will remember Walter as the staff member responsible for assign-



Walter Grant

ing study carrels.

Gifts will be accepted until October 31, 1995. Cheques

should be made out to the Walter Grant Memorial Fund and mailed to:

Walter Grant Memorial Fund
Development Office
Box 1700
University of Victoria
Victoria, British Columbia
V8W 2Y2

The Walter Grant Memorial Task Force:

Laurel Craig, Daryl Glanville,
John Harris, Chris Smith, and
Julia Tweedale.

A Musical Experience at Chulalongkorn

"...my lack of being able to speak Thai made hardly any difference."

By GEORGE CORWIN

The following is an account of his experience with the UVic-Chulalongkorn Faculty Exchange Program, written by George Corwin (Music-retired), founding conductor of the UVic Chorus and Orchestra. The UVic-Chulalongkorn Faculty Exchange Program was established in 1992 in honour of the Thai university's 75th anniversary. The first UVic faculty member to participate in the exchange was Dr. Thomas Lawrence (Business), who studied the Thai accounting industry during his 1993 visitorship. Linda Hardy (Theatre) will be a visitor at Chula's Department of Dramatic Arts from October 1995 through January 1996. The program has also brought to UVic three faculty members from Chula. Applications for the 1996 visitorship at Chula are being circulated by the Vice-President Academic's office.

Sometime in November of 1993, I received a phone call from Bill Neilson asking if I would be interested in the Faculty Exchange Program between UVic and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Would I be interested! I applied, was accepted, went, and what an experience it turned out to be. From the moment of

arrival in Thailand in early September, until my return to Victoria in January [1995], it was one marvellous adventure after another.

The month of September, after four days of exploring Bangkok, was devoted to travel and some research. I went first to Indonesia, where I visited every possible venue, to hear and observe the Gamelan ensembles. This native instrumental ensemble which uses string, wind, and specially tuned percussion has been an interest of mine for years. To experience this rich music first hand was, in itself, worth the whole trip, but it was only the beginning.

From Indonesia I went to Sarawak, East Malaysia, where I stayed with a former student, Brian Lee, who is concertmaster of the Sarawak State Symphony Orchestra. He had arranged for me to have a workshop with the orchestra, and it must have gone well because I have been invited to return.

I will now admit to a four day holiday in the Cameron Highlands (not bad), and then I was back to Bangkok and work. Less than a week after returning I received a late afternoon telephone call from the management of the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra asking if I would be available to fill in for another conductor who had cancelled, due to illness. I happened to know all of the professional

works, Mozart, and so was able to take the first rehearsal that night. The concert was very well received and I will return in November.

At the university my responsibilities were two ensembles, and a beginners' conducting class. Due to the nature of universal musical terms, my lack of being able to speak Thai made hardly any difference with the ensembles, but what an experience it was teaching conducting! Somehow or another we made it work but it was quite "challenging". The ensemble performed together on the evening of December 27, to a full and enthusiastic house, and I taught my last conducting class on the 29th.

My colleagues in the Music Department were wonderfully helpful, friendly, and generous. There certainly are cultural differences to deal with, but given the good humour of the faculty and students at "Chula", I was never made to feel out-of-place, or uncomfortable. I will be returning, as I mentioned earlier, and will be conducting two concerts for the 17th Conference, and Festival of the Asian Composers League, being hosted in Bangkok in December. I sincerely hope that this exchange between these two universities continues, and flourishes. Selfishly, I profited, but I believe so did the two institutions.

Segger elected chair of international museum group

Prof. Martin Segger, Director of the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, was elected chair of the international committee for the training of museum personnel at the 17th triennial conference of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), held in July at Stavenger, Norway.

The committee comprises 350 members worldwide representing universities and training centres which prepare students for careers in museums, art galleries and cultural sites. Curricula, academic and professional standards and co-ordination of research come under the commit-

tee's purview.

As chair of the committee, Segger is a member of the general advisory committee to the board of ICOM. Usually under UNESCO sponsorship, ICOM also undertakes training in developing countries.

CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS OCTOBER 6.

ATHLETICS EXHIBITIONS FILMS LECTURES MUSIC RECREATION THEATRE WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES OTHER

Continuing

E Faculty Exhibition, Department of Fine Arts, Okanagan University College. To November 5. Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery. Info 721-8298.

Friday, September 29

L 11:30 a.m. *New Sculpture from Iceland II*. pordis Alda Sigurdardottir, Icelandic Sculptor. Beck Lecture. MacLaurin D116. Info 721-7306.

M 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music students in a program for various instruments. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

F 2:30 & 7:00 & 9:25 p.m. *Batman Forever* (USA, 1995) Joel Schumacher. \$3 matinee, \$4-\$6 evening. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

L 3:00 p.m. *Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Planning in Northern Canada*. Prof. Frank Duerden, School of Applied Geography, Ryerson Polytechnic University. Cornett B145. Info 721-7327.

M 8:00 p.m. *Concerto Concert*. UVic Orchestra. \$6-\$10 at School of Music office, & U. Ctr. box office. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 721-7903.

F 11:45 p.m. *Star Wars* (USA, 1977) George Lucas. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Saturday, Sept. 30

C 10:00 a.m. VI. Pacific Northwest Music Graduate Students' Conference. MacLaurin B120. Info 477-7412.

L 1:00 p.m. *Japan, Computers and Intellectual Property: Strategic Policy in an Era of Technological Change*. Sponsored by the Faculty of Law & CAPI. \$50. Preregistration or at the door. U. Ctr. Senate Chambers A180. Info 721-7020.

F 2:30 & 7:00 & 9:25 p.m. *Batman Forever* (USA, 1995) Joel Schumacher. \$3 matinee, \$4-\$6 evening. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Guest Recital. Diane Walsh, piano. \$6-\$10 at School of Music office. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

F 11:45 p.m. *Star Wars* (USA, 1977) George Lucas. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Sunday, October 1

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Crumb* (USA, 1994) Terry Zwigoff. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Monday, October 2

L 12:30 p.m. *Passing the Buck: Federal & Canadian Environmental Policy*. Dr. Kathryn Harrison, UBC. Law Faculty Workroom Begbie 209. Info 721-8150.

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Crumb* (USA, 1994) Terry Zwigoff. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Crumb* (USA, 1994) Terry Zwigoff. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

L 7:30 p.m. *liest aus seinem Romanmanuskript "Graureiherzeit"*. Jurgen Jankofsky, Schriftsteller, Leuna, Deutschland. Clearihue C305. Info 721-7316.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

L 12:30 p.m. *Democratization and Cambodian Despots, Dreamers, and Despondents*. Dr. Kate Frieson, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives. Clearihue D132. Info 721-7020.

T 4:00 p.m. Campus Issues Theatre. Phoenix Theatre. Info 721-8022.

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Vanya on 42nd Street* (USA, 1994) Louis Malle. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Thursday, October 5

O 10:00 a.m. Annual Wellness Fair. Fall Fest. University Centre Foyer. Info 721-6243 or 721-8405.

L 11:30 a.m. *Metalocene-based Olefin Polymerization Catalysts: Catalysis, Synthesis and Models for Key Intermediates*. Dr. Richard F. Jordan, U. of Iowa. Elliott 060. Info 721-7156.

O 12:00 p.m. Rudy Wiebe Reading.

MacLaurin D288. Info 721-8314.

L 12:30 p.m. *Indigenous Students in Australian Law Schools: Meeting the Need*. Ms. Carolyn Penfold, U. of New South Wales. Law Faculty Workroom Begbie 209. Info

T 2:00 p.m. *Sleeping Beauty*. Four Seasons Musical Theatre. U. Ctr. Auditorium. \$TBA at U. Ctr. box office & McPherson box office. Info 721-8480.

(Italy/France, 1994) Michael Radford. Subtitles. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Bachelor of Music graduating recital featuring cellist Monica Fedrigo. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

Thursday, October 12

L 12:30 p.m. *Civil Rights to Environmental Quality*. Professors Elaine Hughes, U. of Alberta. Law Faculty Workroom Begbie 209. Info 721-8150.

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *The Postman* (Italy/France, 1994) Michael Radford. Subtitles. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

T 8:00 p.m. *Jennie's Story*. Guest Director. \$13-\$15 at Phoenix Theatre box office. Info 721-8000.

Friday, October 13

M 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music voice students. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

F 2:30 & 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love* (USA, 1995) Maria Maggenti. \$3 matinee, \$4-\$6 evening. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

T 8:00 p.m. *Jennie's Story*. Guest Director. \$13-\$15 at Phoenix Theatre box office. Info 721-8000.

F 11:15 p.m. *Return of the Jedi* (USA, 1983) Richard Marquand. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Saturday, October 14

O 11:00 a.m. Dedication & Unveiling of Welcoming Figure. Engineering Lab Wing. Info 721-6014.

T 2:00 p.m. *Sleeping Beauty*. Four Seasons Musical Theatre. U. Ctr. Auditorium. \$TBA at U. Ctr. box office & McPherson box office. Info 721-8480.

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M 8:00 p.m. *Benefit Concert*. Murray Adaskin Prize in Composition. \$6-\$10 at School of Music office. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

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Massimo Troisi (left) and Philippe Noiret (right) in Michael Radford's *The Postman (Il Postino)*, showing at Cinecenta October 11 & 12, 7:00 and 9:20 p.m.

721-8150.

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Vanya on 42nd Street* (USA, 1994) Louis Malle. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Friday, October 6

M 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music string students. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

F 2:30 & 7:15 & 9:20 p.m. *Forget Paris* (USA, 1995) Billy Crystal. \$3 matinee, \$4-\$6 evening. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

F 11:25 p.m. *The Empire Strikes Back* (USA, 1980) Irvin Kershner. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Saturday, October 7

Monday, October 9

F 7:15 p.m. *Dr. Zhivago* (USA, 1965) David Lean. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Tuesday, October 10

L 12:30 p.m. *Canada and the Pacific Rim*. Mr. Gordon Smith, Deputy Minister Foreign Affairs. Begbie 142. Info 721-7020.

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Medea* (Italy/France/Germany, 1970) Pier Paolo Pasolini. Subtitles. \$4-\$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Wednesday, October 11

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *The Postman*

door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

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Ringers

Mary O'Rourke, program director, conference management services is the first recipient of the Bill Mitchell Award from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. Mitchell, who died in 1993, was a well-respected senior civil servant in B.C. The award honours a public sector employee who has demonstrated commitment to service to the public. O'Rourke also received the Sales Ambassador award from the Victoria Conference Centre.

Dr. Wendy Wickwire (History) received the CHR prize for the best article published in the *Canadian Historical Review* in 1994 for her article "To See Ourselves As the Other's Other: Nlaka'pamux Contact Narratives" in the March issue. In the article, Wickwire compares entries in Simon Fraser's journal with Nlaka'pamux (also known as Salishan-speaking Thompson) accounts of Fraser's arrival. The prize was announced Aug. 26 at the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association.

Dr. Panajotis Agathoklis (Electrical and Computer Engineering) has been elected by acclamation in a by-election to fill the vacancy for a faculty member from the Faculty of Engineering on Senate. His term begins immediately and ends June 30, 1996.

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LETTERS

Search Committee to seek new VP Academic has been established

To: All Members of the University Community

From: Dr. David F. Strong, President and Vice Chancellor
Chair of the Search Committee for Vice-President Academic

As you know, Dr. Sam E. Scully has resigned from his position as Vice-President Academic & Provost as of 30 June 1996.

Under the procedures established by Senate and the Board of Governors for the appointment of the Vice-President Academic, a Search Committee has been established, with the following membership:

Dr. Janet Bavelas, Psychology
Ms. Penny Kerrigan, Undergraduate Student
Prof. Lynda Gammon, Visual Arts
Dr. Margie Mayfield, Communication & Social Foundations
Dr. Jim McDavid, Human & Social Development
Prof. John McLaren, Law
Dr. Anita Molzhan, Nursing
Dr. Peter Murphy, Business
Dr. John Oleson, Classics
Ms. Gretchen Quiring, Graduate Student
Dr. Nancy Sherwood, Biology
Dr. Behrouz Tabarrok, Mechanical Engineering
Ms. Ana Torres, Undergraduate student
Prof. Terry Wuester, Senate Member c/o Law, Vice Chair

The Search Committee has decided to seek both internal and external candidates for the position and now invites you to submit the names of potential candidates (internal or external). The agreement of nominees to allow their names to be put forward is not necessary; each nominee will be contacted by the Search Committee to ascertain if he or she is willing to be considered. A member of the Search Committee is not precluded from being nominated, but will be replaced by an alternate if he or she wishes to be considered.

If you are interested in applying for this position please do not hesitate to submit your name.

I hope you will take the time to give this matter your serious attention, particularly in the context of the criteria developed by the Search Committee which are attached.

All nominations or applications should be submitted directly to the Chair of the

Committee, President David Strong, at the Office of the President.

Criteria to be Used in the Assessment of Candidates for Vice President. Academic & Provost.

1. A respected scholar with Canadian experience and either a record of or clear potential for academic leadership in the executive administration of the University;
2. An excellent administrator with a record of achievement at senior levels of academic administration;
3. A person who is committed to fostering academic excellence and encouraging academic innovation in all areas of the University and with external partners;
4. A person who has knowledge about and is experienced in equity issues and policy and is committed to furthering those issues and policies at UVic;
5. A flexible person with sound communication and interpersonal skills;
6. A person with a sense of fairness who is sensitive to the broad range of viewpoints in the academic community;
7. A person with problem solving skills who can make and communicate difficult decisions;
8. A person with the capacity to communicate the roles and purposes of the University effectively with government and the community;

Additional Notes:

1. The term of appointment would be for a maximum of five years.
2. This is a full-time executive position with duties equivalent to those of deputy President.
3. These criteria are not necessarily listed in order of priority.

October 2 and March 29 deadlines for Honorary Degree candidates

To: All Members of the University Community

At each time of Convocation the University of Victoria traditionally awards honorary degrees. The criteria for choosing the recipients, as stated in Senate Regulations, are:

Normally, the Committee shall recommend as a candidate for an Honorary degree only a person who has a record of distinction and achievement in at least one of: scholarship, research, teaching, the creative arts or public service.

However, the committee may recommend to the Senate as a candidate for an Honorary degree a person whose distinction and achievement, though not fitting the categories listed above, manifests outstanding personal qualities that the Senate may wish to recognize and whose acceptance of an Honorary degree would bring acclaim to the University.

On occasion, candidates for Honorary degrees may be selected so as to reflect a theme that, in the opinion of the Senate, is of importance to the University.

For each regular convocation, the Committee should try to nominate at least one candidate who has or has had some connection with British Columbia.

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition will be making recommendations to Senate on candidates to be awarded this recognition. We would be pleased to receive from the University community suggestions of worthy candidates. You should feel free to select candidates from any place and of any nationality, but might give particular attention to people that have or have had some connection with British Columbia, and people of minority or little-recognized groups who might otherwise escape our consideration.

Your nominations are our chief source of candidates and are all given serious consideration; please ensure that sufficient documentation is attached to make the case. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, CV's, extract from Who's Who, published personality profiles, etc. Letter of nomination should state clearly why the nominee is deserving of the degree. Send them to us in care of the Secretary of the Committee, Cecilia C. Freeman-Ward, B102, Sedgewick Building **by October 2nd for the Fall Convocation and March 29th for the Spring Convocation.** If you have questions or require further information, please contact the Secretary at 721-8104.

On behalf of the Committee may I express our appreciation for your help.

**Hon. R. G. Rogers, Chair
Senate Committee on Honorary
Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition**

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